

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claim as set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of flax fibres treatment, ~~having the steps of cleaning, comprising the steps of~~ opening the flax and cottonization of the fibres[,] ~~characterized by additional retting and drying, where the opening of fibres and sequentially of the steps of cleaning, retting, cottonisation and drying, wherein:~~
opening of the flax fibres is carried out three ~~3~~ times, firstly before cleaning, secondly before retting and thirdly after ~~drying which takes place after~~ cottonisation, and
cottonisation which is done by means of electro-hydraulic action on the processed material while placed in liquid.